NOVA SCOTIA

Department of Finance

Statistics Division

Nova Scotia at a Glance 2000

Government

Lieutenant Governor: Honourable Myra A. Freeman
Premier: Honourable John F. Hamm

Nova Scotia was one of the four original provinces to join Confederation in 1867.

At November 2000 the standings of the parties were:

Provincial Legislation	**House of Commons**	**Canadian Senate**
52 Seats	301 Seats	105 Seats
30 Progressive Conservative	11 Nova Scotia Members	8 Nova Scotia Senators
10 Liberal		
10 New Democrat		
2 Vacant		

Estimates - Province of Nova Scotia Budgetary Summary (April 11, 2000 $ Thousands)

	Actual 1998-99	**Estimate 1999-00**	**Forecast 1999-00**	**Estimate 2000-2001**
Ordinary Revenue	**4,550,622**	**4,622,985**	**4,783,771**	**4,794,941**
Net Expenditures				
Net Program Expenditures	4,005,760	4,231,177	4,262,030	4,146,012
Net Debt Servicing Costs	805,733	799,552	814,153	899,122
	4,811,493	**5,030,729**	**5,076,183**	**5,045,134**
	(260,871)	**(407,744)**	**(292,412)**	**(250,193)**
Surplus (Deficiency) for Government Organizations				
School Board Deficits and Pension Obligations	(33,657)	--	--	--
Other Organizations	(251,607)	--	--	--
	(285,264)	--	--	--
Surplus (Deficiency) for Govenremnt Entgerprises				
Nova Scotia Resources Limited	(75,784)	(65,100)	(32,211)	(25,900)
Sydney Steel Corporation	(31,331)	(31,800)	(38,606)	-
Other Enterprises	267,853	8,000	8,000	8,000
	160,738	(88,900)	**(62,817)**	**(17,900)**
Provincial Surplus (Deficit)	**(385,397)**	**(496,644)**	**(765,229)**	**(268,093)**

Demography

Population (July 1 Estimates)

	1986	**1991**	**1996**	**2000**
Nova Scotia	889,321	915,068	931,235	940,996

In 2000 the province comprised 3.1% of the total Canadian population. The population density was 17.8 persons per square kilometre.

Population by Age and Sex (July 1, 2000 Estimate)

Age	**Males**	**Females**	**Total**
0-14	88,145	83,360	171,505
15-24	64,123	61,964	126,087
25-44	144,095	146,545	290,640
45-64	113,434	115,192	228,626
65+	51,894	72,244	124,138
Total	**461,691**	**479,305**	**940,996**

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Vital Statistics

	1994	1999
Live Births	11,099	9,747
Deaths	7,770	8,202
Marriages	5,374	5,125
Divorces	2,286	1,993

Population of Nova Scotia Counties (July 1 Estimates)

	1991	1996	2000
Annapolis	24,004	22,818	22,774
Antigonish	19,530	19,993	20,097
Cape Breton	121,880	120,360	114,868
Colchester	48,470	50,432	51,025
Cumberland	34,820	34,562	33,765
Digby	21,565	20,958	20,686
Guysborough	11,871	11,142	10,443
Halifax	337,085	352,153	367,502
Hants	38,496	40,440	42,256
Inverness	21,937	21,378	20,933
Kings	57,338	60,661	62,425
Lunenburg	48,360	48,587	49,063
Pictou	50,417	49,819	49,325
Queens	13,110	12,698	12,046
Richmond	11,409	11,258	10,910
Shelburne	17,605	17,393	16,939
Victoria	8,828	8,697	8,474
Yarmouth	28,343	27,881	27,465

Population of Cities and Towns – 5,000+ (July 1 Estimates)

	1991	1996	1998
Halifax City	116,795	117,173	117,381
Dartmouth City	69,123	67,376	66,722
Bedford	11,812	13,972	14,950
Truro	11,882	12,241	12,252
New Glasgow	10,059	10,039	10,021
Amherst	9,915	9,917	9,872
Yarmouth	7,908	7,723	7,635
Bridgewater	7,351	7,504	7,518
Kentville	5,597	5,675	5,659
Stellarton	5,312	5,073	4,975

The Economy

Gross Domestic Product ($ Millions)

At Market Prices	1993	1996	1999
Current Dollars	18,308	19,436	22,407
Constant 1992 Dollars	18,193	18,641	20,865

Civil Labour Force and Employment

	1995	1999
Population 15+	719,800	740,800
Labour Force	428,900	452,000
Employed	377,100	408,600
Unemployed	51,700	43,300
Unemployment Rate	12.1%	9.6%
Participation Rate	59.6%	61.0%

Largest Employers by Employment Range

Public

5,000+
Government of Canada
Government of Nova Scotia

2,500-4,999
Canada Post Corporation
Dalhousie University
Halifax Regional Municipality
Halifax Regional School Board
Western Regional Health Board

1,000-2,499
Annapolis Valley Regional School Board
Canadian Corps of Commissionaires
Cape Breton Regional Municipality
Cape Breton-Victoria Regional School Board
Central Regional Health Board
Chignecto-Central Regional Health Board
Eastern Regional Health Board
Northern Regional Health Board
Royal Canadian Mounted Police
Southwest Regional School Board
Strait Regional School Board

Private

5,000+

2,500-4,999
Atlantic Wholesalers
MTT
Michelin North America (Cda) Inc.
Sobeys Inc.

1,000-2,499
Bank of Nova Scotia
IMP Group Ltd.
Royal Bank of Canada
Nova Scotia Power Inc.
Sears Canada Inc.
Trenton Works Ltd.

Taxation

Nova Scotia offers a competitive tax structure for corporations. The 16% general rate is competitive with most other provinces. Nova Scotia's 15% fully refundable R&D credit is among the most generous in the country and the Small Business Corporate Tax rate is 5%. Canada Customs and Revenue Agency collects Nova Scotia's Income Tax so firms need only file a single return – at any Canada Customes and Revenue Agency office in the country. There is no payroll tax. The sales tax is harmonized with the Federal value-added tax, the goods and service tax, and therefore, offers input tax credits to suppliers of taxable sales.0

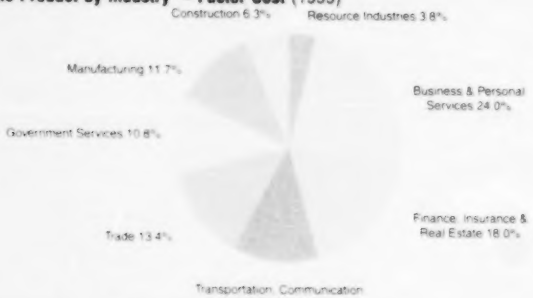
Consumer Price Index – All Items

	Index 1992=100		Annual % Change	
	1995	**1999**	**1995**	**1999**
Nova Scotia	103.8	110.3	1.5	1.7
Canada	104.2	110.5	2.2	1.7

Incomes

	1993	**Most Current**
Personal Income per Capita	$18,847	$22,191 (1999)
Average Family Income	46,937	44,747 (1997)
Average Household Income	36,256	38,524 (1997)
Average Income per Tax Filer	22,030	23,177 (1997)
Average Weekly Wage	495.55	518.06 (1999)
Minimum Wage effective Oct. 1, 2000		$5.70/hr (experienced) $5.25/hr (inexperienced)

Gross Domestic Product by Industry – Factor Cost (1999)



Gross Domestic Product by Industry – Factor Cost ($ Millions 1992)

	1995	**1999**
Goods Producing	3.921	4.406
Resource Industries	814	674
Manufacturing	1.747	2.090
Construction	914	1.127
Utilities	447	515
Service Producing	12.241	13.518
Transportation, Storage & Comm	1.237	1.662
Trade	2.039	2.399
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	2.841	3.227
Community, Business & Personal Services	3.461	3.712
Government Services (excludes defence)	2.128	1.930
Other Service	535	589
Total*	**16.162**	**17.924**

** Figures may not add due to rounding*

Employment by Industry ('000)

	1995	**1999**
Goods Producing		
Agriculture	6.7	6.9
Other Primary	14.7	15.0
Utilities	2.4	2.1
Manufacturing	40.2	45.0
Construction	20.8	21.8
Total	*84.7*	*90.7*
Service Producing		
Transportation & Warehousing	17.3	21.0
Wholesale & Retail Trade	64.0	70.7
Finance, Insurance, Real Estate & Leasing	21.4	23.0
Community, Business & Personal Services	157.0	177.6
Public Administration'	32.7	25.6
Total	*292.4*	*317.9*
Total Employment	**377.1**	**408.6**

'Numbers do not total due to rounding
'Excludes defense

Number of Businesses and Employment by Sector (1998)

	No. of Businesses	Employment[1]
Mines, Quarries & Oil Wells	85	5,900
Other Primary Sectors	3,942	8,100
Manufacturing	2,027	39,500
Construction	3,679	14,200
Transportation, Comm. & Utilities	1,425	19,400
Wholesale Trade	2,158	15,000
Retail Trade	4,579	50,000
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	1,551	19,300
Community, Business&Personal Services	12,425	118,000
Public Administration	182	50,300
Not Classified	373	800
All Business	**32,428**	**340,700**

[1] Average full-time, full-year equivalent employment

Goods Producing Sector

Agriculture

Number of Census Farms

	1986	1991	1996[1]
Number	4,283	3,980	4,021

[1] Excludes "Christmas tree only" farms

Farm Cash Receipts ($'000)

	1995	1999
Crops	90,887	116,296
Cattle & Calves	29,752	29,610
Hogs	26,606	27,646
Dairy Products	88,258	89,852
Poultry	45,675	55,162
Eggs	23,302	19,775
Forest & Maple Products	13,993	26,467*
Other Livestock & Products	13,843	16,781
Payments	6,594	14,528
Total Cash Receipts	**338,910**	**396,117**

** Includes Christmas Trees*

Fishery (excludes Aquaculture)

Fish Landings by Species – Quantity (Tonnes)

	1994	1998
Cod	19,015	11,873
OtherGroundfish	79,983	73,582
Pelagic & Estuarial	95,108	85,456
Scallops	75,769	48,795
Lobster	19,420	19,497
Other Shellfish	29,715	43,576
Miscellaneous	21,144	15,022
Total	**340,154**	**297,801**

Fishing Land by Species – Value ($'000)

	1994	1998
Cod	26,320	18,498
Other Groundfish	67,952	80,020
Pelagic & Estuarial	41,335	34,029
Scallops	109,159	69,208
Lobster	183,108	236,347
Other Shellfish	72,996	103,172
Miscellaneous	3,676	1,239
Total	**504,546**	**542,513**

Forestry

Forest Production by Round Product ('000m^3)

		1995	1999
Sawn	Softwood	1,733	N/A
	Hardwood	49	N/A
	Total	1,782	N/A
Round	Softwood	3,111	N/A
	Hardwood	299	N/A
	Total	3,409	N/A
Total	**Softwood**	**4,844**	**5,432**
	Hardwood	**348**	**732**
	Total	**5,192**	**6,164**

Mining

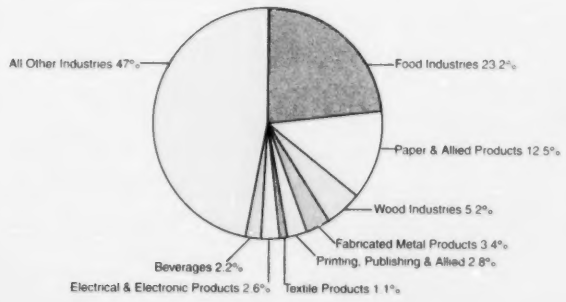
Mineral Production – by Value ($'000)

	1995	1999[2]
Non-metals[1]	113,968	126,135
Coal	160,520	101,060
Crude Petroleum	197,087	64,524
Structural Materials	88,186	93,701
Total All Materials	**559,761**	**385,420**

[1] *Includes gypsum, salt, peat moss*
[2] *Preliminary*

Manufacturing

Manufacturing Shipments by Industry Group (1999)



Manufacturing Shipments by Industry Group ($ Millions)

	1995	1999
Food Industries	1,542	1,794
Beverages	103	168
Plastic Products	124	-
Textile Products	134	88
Wood	190	399
Paper Products	919	966
Printing & Publishing	165	215
Fabricated Metal Products	176	259
Electrical & Electronic Products	105	200
All Other Industries'	2,502	3,636
Total All Industries	**5,960**	**7,725**

'Includes rubber tires, petroleum refining and numerous other products.

Construction

Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

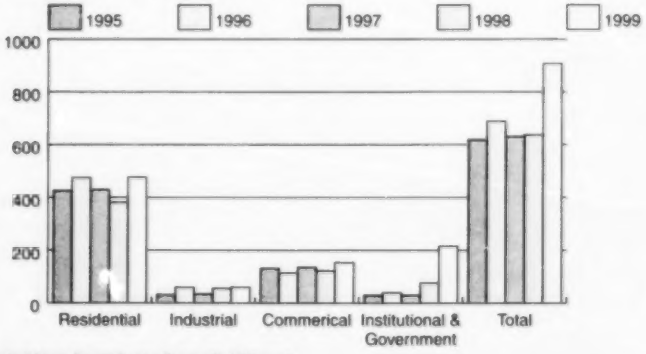
Expenditures	**1996(a)**	**1999(pa)**	**2000(ri)**
Construction	1,746.2	3335.6	2,353.4
Machinery & Equipment	1,263.0	1,750.5	1,732.8
Total	**3,009.2**	**4,304.7**	**4,029.9**

a – actual, pa – preliminary actual, ri – revised intention

Housing Starts by Type (No. of Units)

	1995	1999
Single Detached	3,040	3,345
Semi-Detached & Duplex	417	220
Row	72	29
Apartment	639	658
Total	**4,168**	**4,252**

Building Permits by Type ($ Millions)

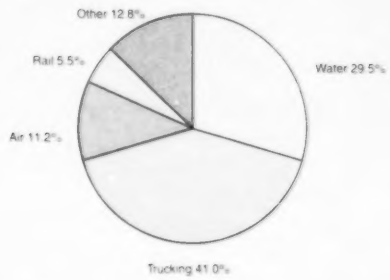


Building Permits by Type ($ Millions)

	1995	1999
Residential	425.6	477.0
Industrial	31.4	60.2
Commercial	132.0	154.3
Institutional & Government	30.6	215.7
Total	**619.6**	**907.2**

Transportation

Transportation Industry Cntribution to Sectorial RDP (1999)



Air Air Canada, Icelandair, Air Nova, Air St. Pierre, Business Express, Continental Express and several charter services operate out of the Halifax International Airport, offering regular flights to all Canadian destinations as well as international service to Boston, New York, Bermuda, London, Glasgow, Keflavik and points beyond. Major airports with service connecting to all key Atlantic Canadian destinations are also located in Yarmouth and Sydney. Numerous smaller facilities are located throughout the province to serve private craft and flying clubs.

Rail CN operates the primary inland rail connection linking Halifax, regional and international shippers to markets throughout Canada and the United States. In addition, CN offers access to an extensive intermodal service through its Halifax Richmond Terminal and service to the two container terminals. There are two shortline railways under provincial jurisdiction providing an invaluable service to regional and local shippers. The Cape Breton and Central Nova Scotia Railway (CB&CNS) operates from Sydney to Truro where it interchanges with CN. The Windsor and Hantsport Railway (W&H) operates between Windsor Junction and New Minas, connecting with CN at Windsor Junction. VIA Rail operates the Ocean, a six-day a week transcontinental passenger rail service, between Halifax and Montreal.

Road There are approximately 26,000 kilometers of highways in Nova Scotia. The TransCanada and 100-series highways are all-weather, mostly controlled-access and rapid transit that join with the New Brunswick TransCanada Highway to points in Canada and the United States. Highway 104 includes a stretch of four lane toll highway which opened December, 1997. Acadian Lines provides a bus link to most major communities within the province and there are also a number of regional and local bus services. Over 600,000 persons have road motor vehicle operator's licences, and registrations in fiscal 1998-99 numbered 356,544 passenger automobiles and 177,562 trucks and truck tractors.

Water Numerous ports dot the coastline of the province. The Port of Halifax is one of the world's finest and most sophisticated deep-water ports and is perfectly suited to 21st century sea-going trade and commerce. It offers a 21 metre-deep ice free harbour with easy approaches and two of the most modern container terminals in the world, each with on-dock rail service and the capability to handle the most varied ro-ro and dimensional load cargoes, as well as the largest container ships. Handling about 13 million tonnes of cargo a year, the Port of Halifax is the first westbound and last eastbound port of call on the continent, offering the shortest ocean voyage times for trade across the North Atlantic, through the Mediterranean, into the Suez and around the world. Car/passenger ferry service connects between Bar Harbor and Portland, Maine and Yarmouth, Nova Scotia; Port-aux-Basques and Argentia, Newfoundland to North Sydney, Nova Scotia; Saint John, New Brunswick to Digby, Nova Scotia; and between Wood Islands, Prince Edward Island and Caribou, Pictou County, Nova Scotia.

Trade

Retail Trade ($ Millions)

		1997	1998	1999
Supermarkets & Grocery Stores		1,911	1,896	1,993
Motor Vehichle & Recreational Vehicle Dealers		1,927	1,947	1,973
General Merchandise Stores		781	850	924
Gasoline Service Stations		486	529	711
Drugs & Patent Medicine Stores		489	523	530
Other		1,748	1,903	2,740
Total Retail Sales		**7,342**	**7,648**	**8,160**
Per Capita($'s)	Nova Scotia	7,854	8,186	8,672
	Canada	7,917	8,125	8,463

Wholesale Trade ($ Millions)

	1999	% Change 1998-99
Nova Scotia	6,676	13.2
Canada	357,795	7.8

International Trade - Nova Scotia Exports by Destination ($ Millions)

	1995	1999
United States	1,983	3,082
Other European Community	353	287
Japan	162	182
United Kingdom	109	117
Other Countries	369	315
Total	**2,976**	**3,983**

Nova Scotia Exports by Major Commodity Groups ($ Millions)

	1995	1999
Fish & Fish Preparations	792	993
Paper & Paperboard	304	487
Transportation Equipment	55	343
Wood Pulp & Similar Pulp	380	166
Non-Metallic Minerals, Mineral Fuels	157	144
Lumber	24	251
Other Commodity Groups	1,264	1,599
Total	**2,976**	**3,983**

Nova Scotia Imports ($ Millions)

	1995	1999
Total	4,130	4,522

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate

Finance, Insurance & Real Estate - Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

	1998(a)	1999(pa)	2000(ri)
Finance & Insurance Industries	285.9	406.8	363.5
Real Estate and Rental & Leasing Services	103.6	143.2	101.1

a – actual, pa – preliminary actual, ri – revised intention

Selected Community, Business & Personal Services

Community, Business & Personal Services - Capital Expenditures ($ Millions)

	1998(a)	1999(pa)	2000(ri)
Information & Cultural Industries	161.1	226.0	239.7
Professional, Scientific & Technical Services	83.4	87.7	79.6
Educational Service Industries	80.3	74.5	65.8
Health Care & Social Assistance Industries	31.5	46.9	51.2
Accommodation & Food Service Industries	54.1	24.0	61.2

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Hospitals (1999-2000*)

	Number	Beds
Public General	34	2,652
Psychiatric	1	183
Maternity/Pediatric	1	292
Total	**36**	**3,127**

**excludes one Federal*

Long-Term Care Facilities (April 1, 2000*)

	Number	Beds
Total	70	5,874

**does not include residential Level I*

Educational Institutions (1999-2000)

	Number	Enrollment Full-time
Universities	11	31,079
Community College Campuses	13	7,619
Private & Public Schools, Grades Primary to 12	497	160,869

** Includes College de l'Acadie, a virtual campus*

Communications (1996)

Telephone Access Lines	Residence	372,794
	Business	193,080
TV Broadcasting Source Stations		8
Cable Television Subscribers		243,686
AM & FM Radio Broadcasting Stations		25
Newspapers	Daily	7
	Weekly, Bi-weekly & Monthly	41

Tourism

Impact		1998	1999
Receipts ('000)		$1,100,000	$1,256,000
People Employed		33,300	36,300
Non-resident visitors (May 1-Dec. 31)			
Mode of Travel	Automobile	1,433,200	1,459,700
	Recreational Vehicle	109,000	109,000
	Motorcoach	98,500	103,300
	Air	444,600	530,800
	Total	2,085,200	2,202,800
Origin (%)			
Atlantic Canada		53.0	52.0
Other Canada		29.0	29.0
International		28.0	29.0
Accommodations-Fixed Roof			
Supply of Rooms		15,530	15,262
Rooms Nights Sold ('000)		2,431	2,587
Annual Occupancy Rate		57%	60%
Accomodations - Campsites			
Supply of Sites		10,450	10,350
Site Nights Sold ('000)		611	694
Annual Occupancy Rate		40%	45%

Public Administration

Employment	1995*	1999
Federal	40,915	35,004
Provincial	49,993	47,703
Local	24,766	24,588
Total	**110,748**	**102,681**

**** Figures by jurisdiction do not add to published total***

Geography

The Province of Nova Scotia covers an area of 55,000 sq. km. The mainland part of the Province is connected to New Brunswick and the remainder of Canada by the 28 km. Isthmus of Chignecto. Cape Breton Island is joined to the mainland by the Canso Causeway. Nova Scotia is located at 59° to 67° Longitude and 43° to 48° Latitude. This places Halifax, the capital city, south of Tokyo, Paris, Vienna, Minneapolis and Portland, Oregon. The coastline stretches for 7,400km, but the overall length of the Province is only 575km, while average width is 130km.

Climate

Average daily temperatures at Halifax range from – 4.6° Celsius in January to + 17.5° Celsius in July. Rainfall on an annual basis averages 1,178.1 millimeters.

Sources

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